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In re Application of

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SURFACE MOUNTING DEVICE AND THE METHOD THEREOF

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of December 23, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-9), with traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or

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independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative

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